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Dear Sir or Madam:

Your proposed "settlement" with Microsoft still leaves me with an intrusive Windoz operating system that I can't avoid using because it's a monopoly. As a monopoly, other vendors' software is written to run only on Windoz.

MS makes sure that the Windoz API calls cannot be emulated by another OS. A real settlement would require MS to publish all its APIs so that other OS's could write emulation code allowing Windoz-specific software to run on non-Windoz OS's like Linux and OS/2. It would allow me (not just computer manufacturers) to remove unwanted software like Outlook Express, NetMeeting, and Front Page. It would give me access to hidden directories and hidden registry entries. It would give me a choice of which OS I want to run given software and give me control over Windoz OS if I chose to use it.

I use both OS/2 and Linux, but it's becoming harder and harder as MS tightens the noose around those systems. Even surfing the Internet, there are sites written specifically for MS Internet Explorer and the Windoz user. The .NET and Passport initiatives will seal Internet into the MS corral.

Your "settlement" unchains a tyrant MS on the world. Innovation will suffer. So will my pocketbook. Just try to find a copy of Windoz XP for a non-fair traded price. Why did they even bother with a "settlement". It's a capitulation.

The second tragedy of September 11 is that it led to the unleashing of Microsoft.

Please fire every lawyer in the anti-trust division Justice Department. They're all incompetent.

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P.S. In 1973, I was employed by Price Waterhouse to assist with their anti-trust matters. I've got first-hand familiarity with the resources and connivance used to get the government to drop that case. The Justice Department is again being taken for fools. And you are!

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